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The New Face of the University

By Annie Hays
Layout Editor

The University always welcomes new faculty, staff, and students at the beginning of each academic year. This fall, besides the largest incoming class of freshmen in its history, the University welcomes its new president, Dr. William Lennox Jr.

Lennox has had a long and distinguished career before coming to the University as a member of the Board of Trustees in 2008. He attended The United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, where he received his bachelor's degree in international affairs. He received his Master's and PhD in Literature from Princeton University. His doctoral dissertation is on American war poetry. In addition, he graduated first in his class at Fort Leavenworth's Command and General Officer's School, and he completed the Senior Service College Fellowship at Harvard University.

Lennox served in the U.S. Army for 35 years, and left as a Three Star Lieutenant General. During his time in the military, he served as the Deputy Commanding General and Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Field Artillery Center; the Chief of Staff for III Corps and Fort Hood; the Assistant Chief of Staff, CJ-3, at Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea; the Deputy Commanding General, Eighth United States Army; and executive officer for the deputy chief of staff for Operations and Plans.

Lennox then became the Superintendent of West Point in 2001, and he held this position until 2006. Over the five years he held this position, Lennox oversaw many exciting changes at West Point, including upgrades to the liberal-arts program, expanding the study-abroad program, and completing a $220 million fund-raising program for the Academy.

"I'm most impressed with [Lennox's] diverse background. He's been in business, the military, and the liberal arts," said Zach Brassur, Alumnus.

In 2008, the University's former president, Dr. Arthur F. Kirk Jr., asked Lennox if he would serve on the University's Board of Trustees, and Lennox took on the challenging position. Lennox served as the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

"I like that [Lennox] was an internal hire. It shows that we pay attention to our family here at Saint Leo," said Br. Robert Amarillas, junior.

While serving as a member of the Board, Lennox was the Senior Vice President at the Goodrich Corporation, a Fortune 500 aerospace firm. Lennox said he got to see ethical leadership in action during his time at Goodrich.

"I'm excited about Dr. Lennox because he was president of a college before this, but he also has so much life experience besides academia," said Carol Ann Moon, associate professor and reference and instructional outreach librarian.

Dennis Mullen, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees and head of the Presidential Search Committee, said it was a long and nearly impossible task finding a suitable replacement for Kirk. According to Mullen, there were over 100 applicants for the position, and this reflects how well the University is perceived across the nation.

Photo Courtesy of University Communications

Dr. William Lennox lent a hand to freshman moving to campus on Aug. 20.

"Our goal was clear: select a candidate who embodied our mission and our core values, understood that we are a student-centric model, and would clearly believe that our best days are still yet to come," said Mullen.

Lennox believes the University's greatest strengths are its mission and cores values, the teaching abilities of the faculty, and the online program. Our weaknesses are retention and financial accessibility, and he plans on finding solutions to those problems.

"We could not have attracted a leader like Bill Lennox if it weren't for…the faculty, staff, and students," said Kirk. "We have a leader that knows and is committed to our mission, shares our core values, believes in our vision, and will assure that Saint Leo's greatest days are ahead of us."

Are You Suffering From New President Curiosity?

If so, send us your question.

Anyone who has a question for Dr. William J. Lennox Jr, can send it to: **thelionspridenewspaper@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 2nd.**

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Campus News

Remebering Jules Verdin

Matt Vandenburgh
Sports Editor

Saint Leo University was shaken this summer when soccer player Jules Verdin, freshman, died during a hiking accident in Switzerland. Verdin was 19 years old.

The 2014 Sunshine State Conference Freshman of the Year, Verdin was a midfielder for the Lions, tallying 2 goals and 2 assists, while playing in all 18 games that season, starting 16 of them.

Born in Tongeren, Belgium, Verdin came to Saint Leo through the assistance of Overboarder, a group that helps foreign athletes attain scholarships to universities in the United States.

"Jules had several different offers from very nice universities. He ended up choosing Saint Leo as he really felt a connection with the coaches and the university," said Dennis Mertens, CEO of Overboarder. "He found everything he was looking for. A couple weeks after his arrival he told me how much he enjoyed it there."

Francis X. Reidy, director of athletics for the University, spoke with saintleolions.com about the accident.

"The hearts of everyone in the Saint Leo University family go out to Jules' family and his teammates as they deal with this news," said Reidy. "The death of someone so young is especially tragic, and we will do all we can to support his friends, teammates, and family members through this terrible time."

Keith Fulk, head coach of the men's soccer team at Saint Leo, talked about the dedication Verdin had.

"The passion that he had and the love of the game that he had was something second to none," said Fulk. "We heard all of these crazy stories that I didn't know about when he was here. He lived over here in Sweetwater and he would get up at 4 in the morning and jog over here and get a bag of balls in our closet and he would start shooting at the goal at about 5 in the morning until about 7."

Fulk was also impressed by Verdin's intelligence.

"His knowledge for the game was fantastic. He was a special player that wanted to play the game the right way," said Fulk.

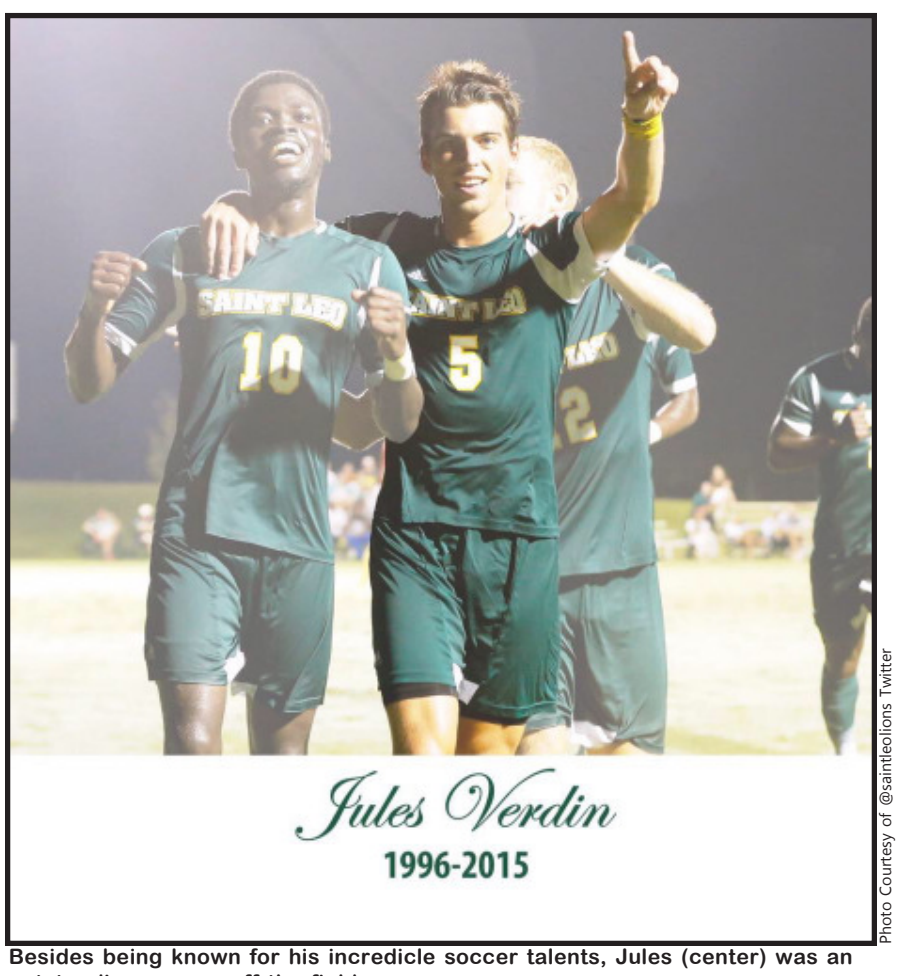
What stuck out to the head coach the most, however, was the type of person Verdin was off of the field.

"He loved life. He really enjoyed just everything. If he went to the cafeteria with the kids he just brought a smile to your face and things like that," said Fulk.

Fulk, who also runs summer soccer camps, released a statement at the time of the accident online at keithfulksoccer.com: "At this time our thoughts and prayers go out to the Verdin family and Jules' many friends and teammates as they mourn his sudden and tragic loss."

It is clear Verdin will be missed, both on the field and off of it. Along with winning the Conference Freshman of the Year award, Verdin was also selected to the Second Team All- SSC, confirming the talents of a special player.

The Lions' home opener is on Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., against Warner University, where the team plans to honor Verdin with a pregame ceremony.



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Besides being known for his incredicle soccer talents, Jules (center) was an outstanding person off the field.

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Campus News

Freshmen Fun at the Summer Festival

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Photo courtesy of Nicole Alvarez

There were four food vendor trucks that offered various free foods for attendees.

Approximately 200 incoming freshmen, along with friends and family, visited the University on July 18 to have fun at the Summer Festival.

The Summer Festival was hosted by University Admissions and organized by Brandilyn Bolden, associate director of Events and Campus Visits. It lasted from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Bowl behind the Student Community Center.

Once freshmen signed in at the registration tent and received their complimentary bag, towel, and lanyard they had free access to a variety of games, live musical entertainment, and food vendors.

After registering with the admissions workers, freshmen were invited to sign the Summer Festival poster which was stationed at the wooden stage.

However, the day was hot and humid as is characteristic of Florida summers; there were mist tents stationed at various places across the Bowl for this very reason. Despite the weather of the day everyone who attended expressed how much they enjoyed the festival.

"The festival has been a lot of fun and I look forward to making friends at Saint Leo," said Kaitlyn McWilliams, an incoming biomedical major.

"[The Summer Festival] was really successful," said Edson O'Neale, the director of Student Activities. "The students [were] being really engaged."

Two of the most popular attractions at the Summer Festival were the tie-dye shirts and the art contest. Most guests took part in these two attractions and the tables were often surrounded. Halfway through the event the tie-dye station had to close because it ran out of supplies for the guests.

Other games and events included an inflatable twister tournament that was placed just in front of the music stage and was also popular. The tournaments were held in five rounds and the winner at the end of the five rounds won a prize.

There were also games such as the corn hole toss, volleyball and water balloon volleyball, tug-of-war, two giant Jengas were set up, as well as two giant Connect-the-Dots that were popular with the children and students.

Four food vendor trucks, free of charge, which included frozen yogurt, sandwiches, mini-burgers, and shaved ice, were parked along the outer edge of the festivities. There was also an Italian American Latin Fusion vendor and a Hawaiian coffee and smoothie vendor with various bins of soda and water settled around the area for the thirsty.

All the while, the event was filled with music from opposite ends of the Bowl. Closest to Lake Jovita was where the DJ was set up on the music stage. Right next to the Dining Hall and Hawaiian smoothie vendor was a live band and covered seating.

For the students who are looking forward to dorm life on campus, there was a raffle contest sponsored by Bath & Body Works. Once entered, students had a chance to win a comforter set, one designed for men or one designed for women. If that was not enough fun and excitement, there was also a photo booth set up near the cafeteria for people to commemorate their memories of the Summer Festival.

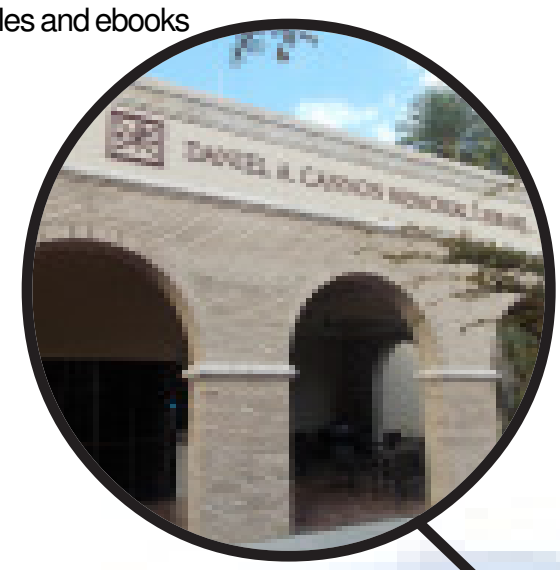
Once 3 p.m. came around, the Summer Festival came to a close, and guests began leaving with their memories of the festival. The University looks forward to greeting the incoming freshmen once the fall semester begins.

Photo Courtesy of Nicole Alvarez

This art contest was open for any and everyone that attended the Summer Festival.

Trane Stop (Saint Edward Hall):
- Essiental student center for all financial and parking decal concerns

Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library:
- Computer lab with full internet access
- Inter-library loans
- Databases, full text online as well as journal articles and ebooks



Student Activites Building (SAB):
- Career Planning , get help with resumes, interviewing and choosing career options.
- Newspaper and yearbook offic
- Greek life, student services an students activities

University Technology Services:
- Support for campus technology, student laptops and for classroom hardware and software

Health and Wellness Center (deChantal Hall):
- Treats minor illness, injuries and offers first aid as well as flu and allergy shots
- Doctor on campus (Check with center for hours and times)

Map Key

1. Abbey Church
2. Abbey Golf Course
3. Admissions (Undergraduate)
4. Alumni Residence Hall
5. Athletic Fields
   a. Baseball Stadiums- Thomas B Southard
   b. Intramural Field
   c. Soccer Field
   d. Softball Stadium
   e. Turf Lacrosse Stadium/ Parking Garage
6. Benedictine Hall
7. Benoit Residence Hall
8. Bookstore
9. Bowl
10. Cannon Memorial Library
11. Chiller Plant
12. de Chantel Hall
13. Dining Hall
14. Fine Arts Building
15. Fitness Center
16. Greenfelder Denlinger Boardrooms
17. Henderson Residence Hall
18. Harrmann Mail Center
19. Kirk Hall
20. Lake House
21. Lake Jovita
22. Lakefront
23. Lewis Hall
24. Marion Bowman Activities Center
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26. Music Building
27. Plant Operations
28. Roderick Residence Hall
29. Ropes Course
30. ROTC
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35. Security
36. Shelby Auditorium
37. Student Apartments 1-4
38. Student Apartments 5-6
39. Student Activities Building
40. Student Community Center
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42. Tennis Courts
43. The Villa
44. University Technology Services

Parking Key

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C. Lot 4: Green, Yellow, Sliver
D. Lot 5: Green, Yellow, Sliver
E. Lot 6: Special Permit
F. Lot 7: Green, Yellow, Sliver
G. Lot 8: Yellow
H. Lot 9: Yellow
I. Lot 10: Yellow and Visitor
J. Lot 11: Green, Yellow, Sliver
K. Lot 12: Red
L. Lot 13: Green, Yellow, Sliver, Blue
M. Admissions

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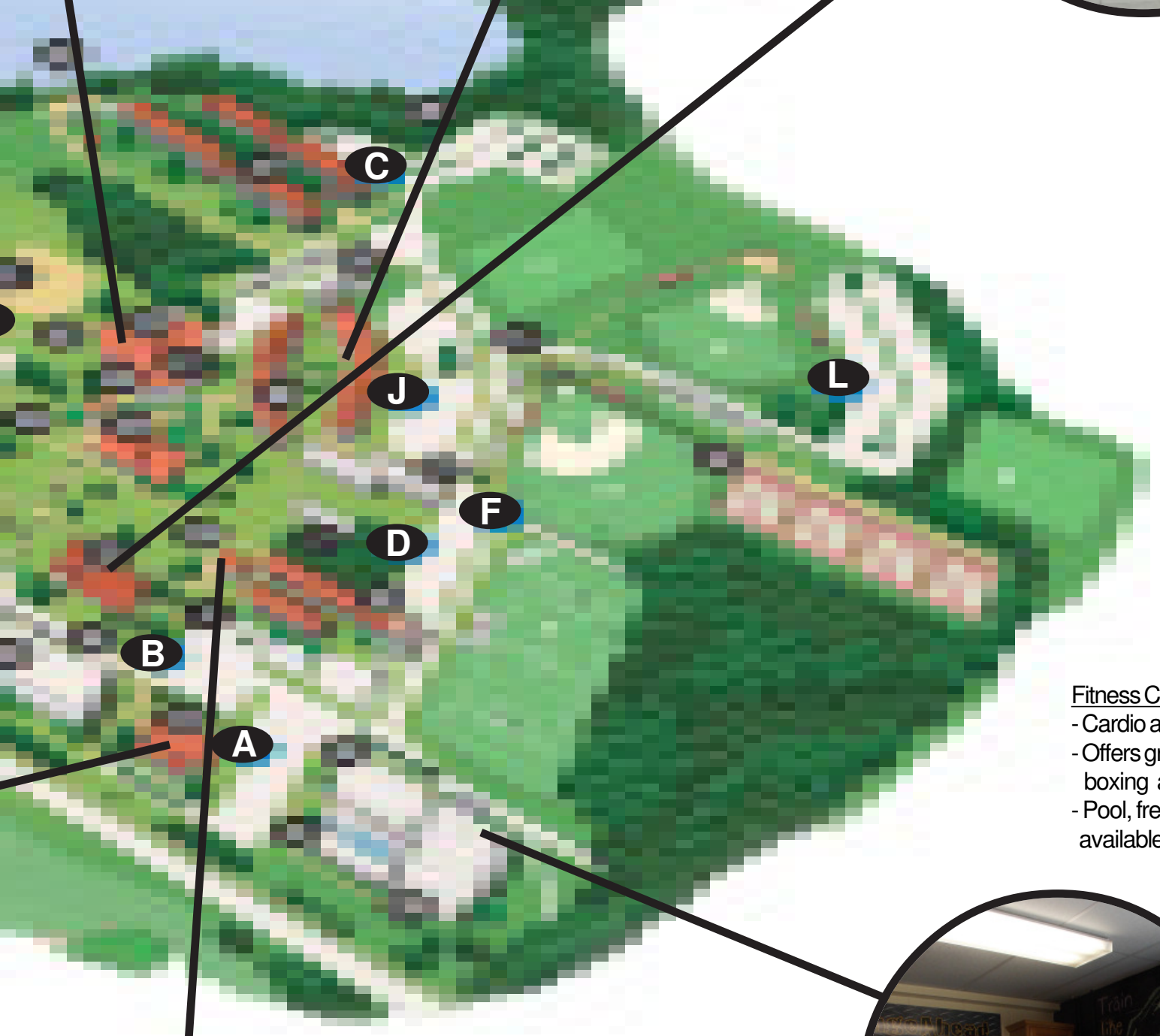
- Learning Resource Center (LRC) with tutors and a computer lab
- Newest academic building



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- Cardio and wieght-lifting equipment
- Offers group classes such as boxing and yoga
- Pool, free to tan, do laps and is available for student gatherings

Stephen Herrmann Mail Center:
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- Student mailboxes
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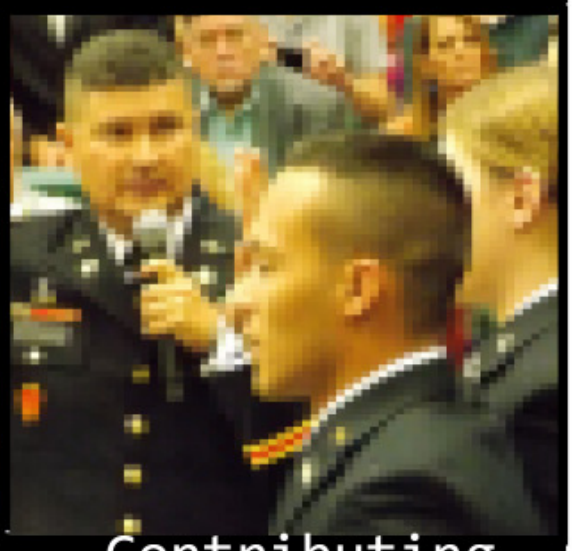

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Sports

Saint Leo Soccer Nationally Ranked

By Matt Vandenburgh
Sports Editor

The Saint Leo Lions Men's and Women's Soccer Teams both begin the 2015 season with high expectations as they are ranked in the NCAA Division II top 25.

The men's team, ranked 13th in the country, is looking to continue their pattern of success, having reached the third round of the championship tournament last season. Hopes are high that they will make another strong run toward a title, and this ranking is a definitive indicator that they have the necessary potential.

Men's head coach Keith Fulk stressed the importance of not only doing well, but playing the right way.

"What we believe is: play, on offense, good soccer with the ball played on the ground, and show a lot of technical development with the responsibilities of the defensive side of the game," said Fulk.

Coming off back to back winning seasons, Fulk seeks to impart a relaxed mentality to his players.

"I want to take the pressure off the kids about winning. Because in this day and age, the YouTube generation, everything's about winning, everything's about the spectacular thing, but I believe that if we do the right things during preseason and the right things during practice, that we got a lot of talented people, that we're going to eventually win," said Fulk.

That is not to say that Fulk does not expect to build upon the team's previous successes.

"Last year we went to the third round of the southern regionals, which is the second and third round of the NCAA, and this year probably a really good step, was…the only one the players are really thinking on, is something further than that," said Fulk.

For the women's soccer team, the future looks equally bright.

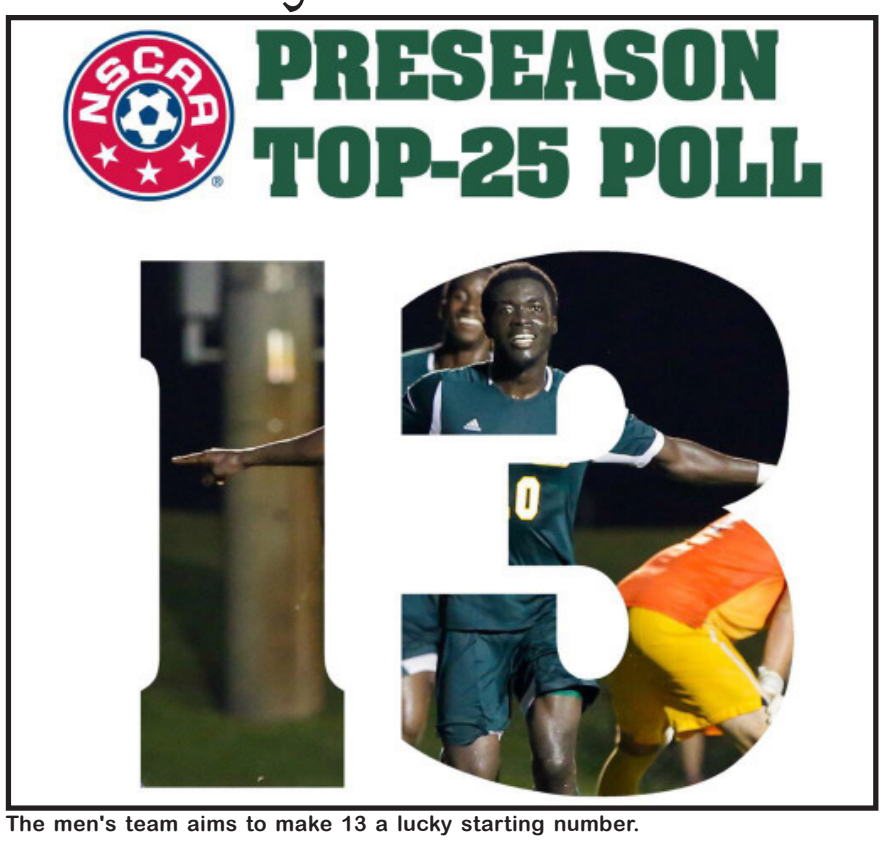
Following a 14-6 season last year in which they were ranked in the top 20 all season, the team expects to further their success, as they are returning with their three leading scorers, including two time All-American junior forward Arielle Kabangu, sophomore forward Katie Waddell, and junior midfielder Genevieve Gignac.

Already poised to succeed, they have recently been projected to finish third in the conference, only behind perennial powers Barry University and Rollins University in the 2015 SSC preseason coach's poll.

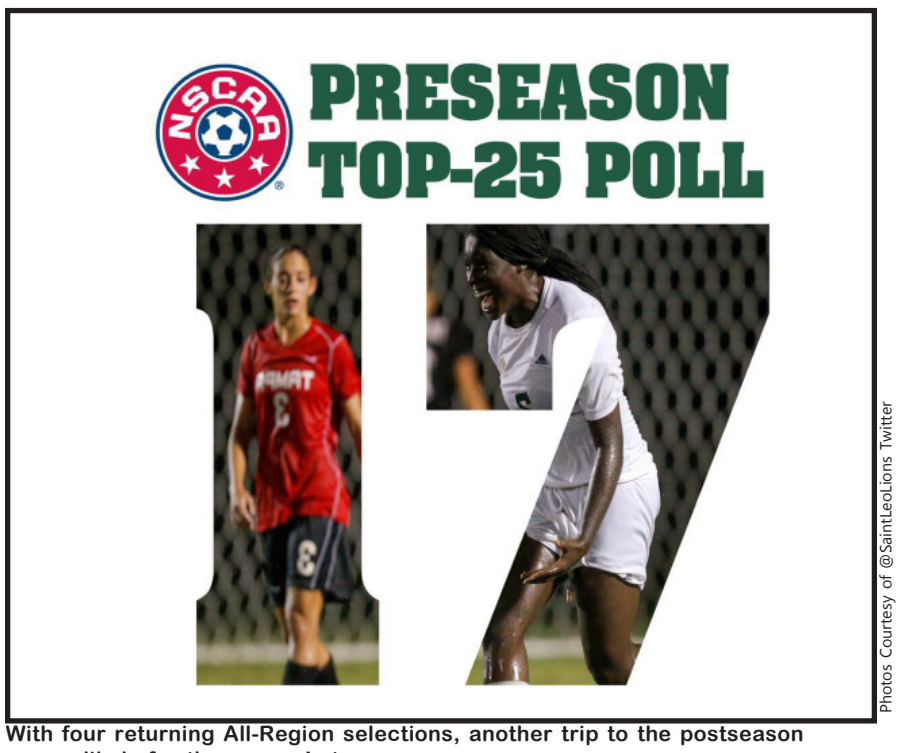
With the rankings of both teams so high, it could be an exciting time for Saint Leo fans rallying in the stands.

The men's team opens their season on Sept. 3 visiting Young Harris College, and will have their home opener on Sept. 12 against Warner University.

The women also start their seaon on the road on Sept. 3, against Flagler College, before a Sept. 7 home opener against Colorado Christian University.



The men's team aims to make 13 a lucky starting number.



With four returning All-Region selections, another trip to the postseason seems likely for the women's team.

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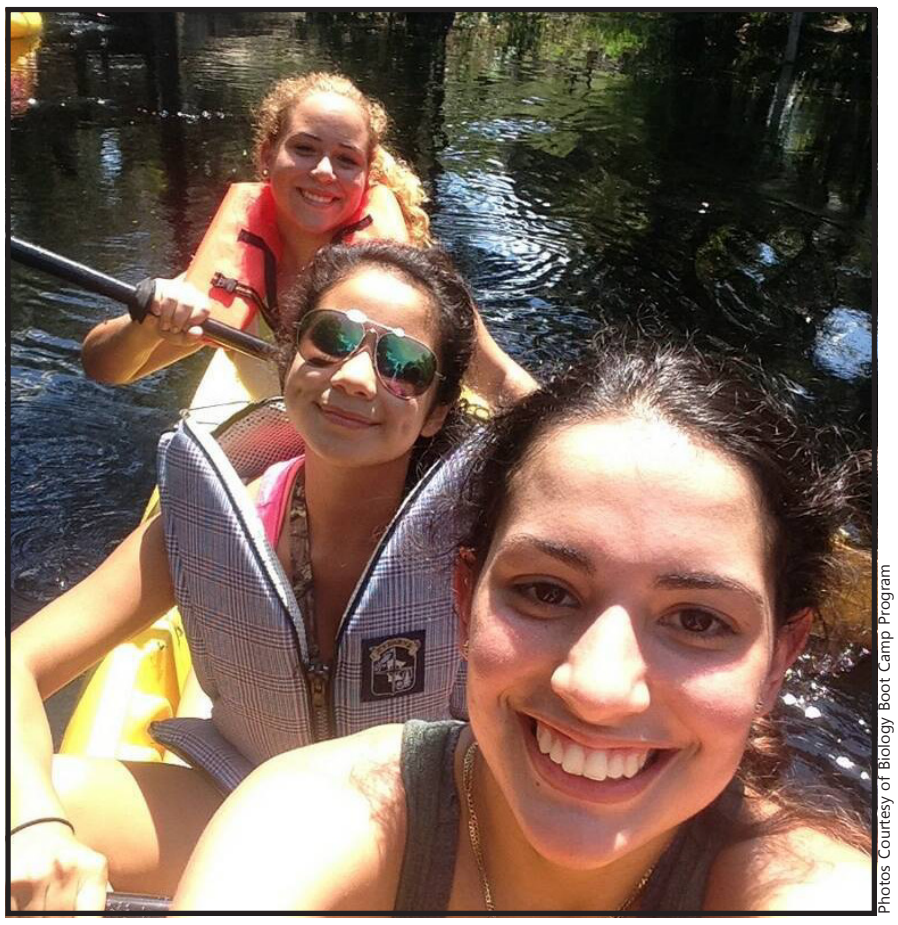
Biology Boot Camp 2015



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Biology Boot Camp is designed to offer biology majors a short, intensive preview of the expectations of students entering into BIO125 Cell Biology. This experience helps students begin their undergraduate experience knowing the level of competency expected of them from day one. Invitations were sent to the incoming freshman biology majors, and around 50 students participated in this year's program.

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